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NetApp to Create 460 Jobs in Wake County

State Grant Helps Company Expand Research in Triangle Park

RALEIGH – Gov. Bev Perdue announced today that NetApp, one of the largest providers of innovative storage and data management solutions, will expand its Wake County operations. The company plans to create 460 new jobs over four years and invest more than \$75 million into a new R & D facility in Research Triangle Park. The project was made possible in part by a state grant from the Job Development Investment Grant.

"Creating jobs is what motivates me every day," said Gov. Perdue. "North Carolina is a tremendous place to do business and our highly-skilled workforce is equipped to support high tech companies like NetApp in their desire to expand here."

Founded in 1992, NetApp provides solutions that deliver outstanding cost efficiency and accelerate business breakthroughs for customers across various industries, including media and entertainment, internet, healthcare, IT, and financial services. Data ONTAP® software, NetApp's core operating system, is also the world's most widely adopted storage and data management platform.

Headquartered in California, NetApp is a Fortune 500 company that employs over 12,000 individuals in more than 170 offices worldwide, including more than 1,400 employees in its RTP facility. In 2011 NetApp ranked #1 on the Triangle Business Journal's annual 'Best Places to Work' in RTP list. It marked the seventh time that NetApp has appeared on the list and the third time it has been ranked #1.

"NetApp has had a long and successful presence in RTP and we are excited to build on our relationship with the state of North Carolina, Wake County, and the surrounding area," said Denise Cox, senior vice president of Global Support for NetApp. "NetApp takes pride in attracting and retaining the industry's best people and our expansion in RTP will enable us to